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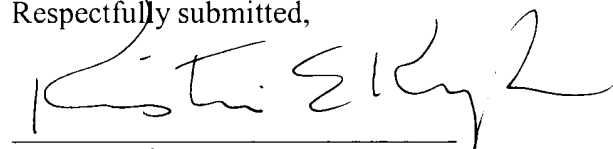
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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a), Applicants hereby petition for a three (3) month extension of time for replying to the Office Action mailed April 17, 2002. With the extension, the present papers are due on or before Thursday, October 17, 2002. A check in the amount of \$460.00 (#14250) is enclosed herewith to cover the fee provided under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a)(3). A duplicate copy of this Petition is enclosed.

The Examiner is authorized to charge any additional fees due, or credit any overpayment of same, to Deposit Account No. 50-0311, reference no. 15966-577 CIP1 (CURA-57 CIP1).

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